UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK In the Matter of Case No. 00-B-41065 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC., et al., Debtors. May 9, 2000 United States Custom House

Hearing

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3	PROCEEDINGS
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6	THE COURT: Randall's Island. We
7	will take a brief recess so you can give your
8	appearances to the Court reporter.
9	(Whereupon, at this point in the
10	proceedings there was a recess, after which
11	the hearing continued as follows:)
12	THE COURT: Mr. Sacks, we are having
13	trouble with the computer disks we are sending
14	down here.
15	MR. SACKS: I have heard that there's
16	trouble with the joint Admon disk; we sent it over
17	twice. It's crashed twice. We are going to have
18	our information systems people call over to the
19	Admon people here and try to figure it out.
20	THE COURT: Sounds like the perfect
21	solution.
22	MR. SACKS: Your Honor, I think the
23	way it makes sense to proceed with the Court's
24	permission is to hand up the current version, with
25	the disk, of the proposed order.

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- THE COURT: Is that one I asked for
- 3 this morning?
- 4 MR. SACKS: Actually, the reason I
- 5 think I should hand it up is it's slightly
- 6 different. I want to go through with the Court
- 7 the changes that have been discussed and actually
- 8 one of the changes that was made since we sent
- 9 things over about 9:30 or so this morning.
- 10 (handing)
- 11 THE COURT: Okay. Where does this
- 12 disk come from?
- 13 MR. SACKS: It comes from the same
- 14 place. It's apparently the only disk that they
- 15 were apparently having problem with is the joint
- 16 Admon.
- 17 THE COURT: Nothing's going to get
- 18 entered.
- 19 MR. SACKS: Right. I understand that
- 20 in terms of what's happened this morning, one of
- 21 changes it reflected in what I just handed the
- 22 Court and the others are either changes that are
- 23 reflected or are things that have been agreed to.
- In paragraph 28 of the proposed
- 25 Order, in the copy I have just handed the Court,

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 we have deleted the note, we have changed the
- 3 notice provision so that only the notice attached
- 4 is sent and not a copy of the interim Order. It's
- 5 my understanding from the chamber's conference on
- 6 Thursday that that's what Your Honor had
- 7 contemplated.
- 8 THE COURT: Just thinking it would
- 9 save money.
- 10 MR. SACKS: So we have made that
- 11 change, and that's reflected in what I handed the
- 12 Court is not reflected in what I sent out to some
- of the parties I have deleted the words "copies of
- 14 this Order" in the third line of what was faxed,
- 15 and I have indicated that the notice that was
- 16 attached is Exhibit A.
- 17 THE COURT: Okay.
- 18 MR. SACKS: The second thing I want
- 19 to bring to the Court's attention is just a
- 20 clarification of the term sheet.
- 21 On the top of page five of the term
- 22 sheet, the term sheet is attached to the package I
- 23 handed the Court. There is a definition of
- 24 purpose, and in the definition of purpose there is
- 25 a parenthetical that starts with "including up to

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 X" and ends with "as hereinafter" defined.
- 3 And as a clarification, it's Chase
- 4 and the Debtors have agreed that the words "as may
- 5 be agreed to, " that the stuff in the parenthetical
- 6 "has already been agreed to." And the "as may be
- 7 agreed to" modifies for such other purposes that
- 8 goes before the parenthetical.
- 9 We are not going to change the
- 10 document, Judge, since there's going to be a
- 11 definitive agreement before the final Order but
- 12 just in terms of what the parties have agreed to,
- 13 the material in the parenthetical has already been
- 14 agreed to. Is that correct, Richard?
- MR. TODER: Yes, Your Honor.
- 16 MR. SACKS: In the affirmative
- 17 covenants of covenant B, which was the furnished
- 18 consolidated and consolidating monthly cash flow
- 19 reports in copies that we circulated.
- MR. TODER: Page 10.
- 21 THE COURT: Thank you.
- 22 MR. SACKS: There were brackets
- 23 around the words "including updates, construction
- 24 tables and progress, " and those brackets have been
- 25 deleted.

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- THE COURT: Okay.
- 3 MR. SACKS: In the notice that is
- 4 attached there are certain changes that Mr. Toder
- 5 has requested that I've agreed to make that are
- 6 not reflected in the document. I think the only
- 7 copy of the notice you have, Judge, is at the very
- 8 end of the disk packet.
- 9 THE COURT: I have it. It's at the
- 10 top of the packet.
- 11 MR. SACKS: On the second page, Your
- 12 Honor, in the third line instead of "as principal
- 13 and as agent, we are going to notice that we
- 14 proposed to send, " will say "individually and as
- 15 agent." In paragraph --
- 16 THE COURT: Okay.
- 17 MR. SACKS: Little iv, where at the
- 18 bottom of the page the words "first priority" on
- 19 the second line and the word "senior" on the ninth
- 20 line are deleted.
- 21 THE COURT: Okay.
- MR. SACKS: Lastly, on the last page
- 23 the zip code for Morgan, Lewis has been corrected.
- 24 It should be 10178-0060.
- 25 The other thing that happened this

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 morning which isn't reflected in the documents is
- 3 that at 9 o'clock this morning our office received
- 4 faxed from Chinatrust counsel a 2004 subpoena.
- 5 Chang, Dominick Chang to appear here today at 11
- 6 o'clock. I have told counsel --
- 7 THE COURT: 2004 subpoena?
- 8 MR. SACKS: I have told counsel that
- 9 I didn't think it was the proper form to compel
- 10 Mr. Chang to appear. That I didn't think it was
- 11 timely and that Mr. Chang wouldn't be here. That
- 12 I would make him available at the final hearing
- 13 without the need for any process.
- 14 They have also served on us later
- 15 this morning when we got to Court a request for a
- 16 2004 Examination of certain of the Debtors
- 17 relating to the Chinatrust properties. I have
- 18 told counsel for Chinatrust that we would work out
- 19 a schedule for that after Court today.
- THE COURT: Okay.
- 21 MR. SACKS: Other than that, Your
- 22 Honor, we have circulated, we have come to an
- 23 agreement with Chase as to the Order and as to the
- 24 term sheet.
- 25 As the proposed Order in the term

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- 2 sheet, we have circulated as soon as we came to
- 3 agreement with the U.S. Trustee's Office and to
- 4 Chinatrust, and got it over to Your Honor as early
- 5 as we could this morning. And with that I think
- 6 that the only issue is to the extent that people
- 7 have objections or the Court has any questions.
- 8 THE COURT: Well, one thing I'm going
- 9 to require is there are a lot of factual things in
- 10 here and you can make an offer of proof, but I
- 11 don't have any evidence for a lot of this stuff.
- 12 Basically, what I note it says is what I read in
- 13 the documents and what Mr. Chang testified to. I
- 14 don't have any problems making a determination
- 15 that Debtor needs the money, but there are other
- 16 findings of fact as to which I would have to at
- 17 least make an offer of proof.
- MR. SACKS: You want the offer of
- 19 proof specific or general, Judge? I can make an
- 20 offer of proof that if called to testify
- 21 representatives of Debtors and Chase would testify
- 22 in support of each of factual findings.
- 23 THE COURT: Is there anybody who has
- 24 an objection to that formal offer of proof?
- MS. WONG: Yes, Your Honor, because

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 we did serve -- I am Linda Wong representing
- 3 Chinatrust and China Commercial.
- We do object because we wanted Mr.
- 5 Chang here this morning and we did send the
- 6 subpoena out. We wanted to give them as much
- 7 notice as possible.
- 8 We didn't get any of the documents
- 9 from them until around 9 o'clock last night.
- 10 However, there were certain critical issues here
- 11 which we feel we need to examine Mr. Chang, and I
- 12 do have an objection to that.
- 13 This is an Order to Show Cause
- 14 hearing. We may have to show that there's some
- 15 kind of irreparable harm so the emergency relief
- 16 that's necessary at this juncture.
- We were only served with the original
- 18 motion papers last Thursday, and so we don't think
- 19 that they are going to be able to meet that burden
- 20 without Mr. Chang here. We know that he's been
- 21 here at every proceeding, but at the same time if
- 22 the Court wanted to hear evidence we would want
- 23 the opportunity cross-examine the witness.
- THE COURT: Is Mr. Chang available?
- MR. SACKS: He is in New York, Your

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 Honor. We could get him here, if you need him.
- THE COURT: You are asking me to make
- 4 factual findings; you have an objection, she
- 5 doesn't want to accept the offer of proof and she
- 6 doesn't have to, I guess.
- 7 MR. TODER: Just one thought, Your
- 8 Honor, when one parses through the findings, I
- 9 think you would find that with perhaps one or two
- 10 exceptions that a lot of it are assertions and not
- 11 true findings.
- 12 THE COURT: Yes, I know, but in terms
- 13 of true need.
- 14 MR. TODER: That's where I thought
- 15 Your Honor would be going, and what I would
- 16 suggest is that we did have Mr. Chang here and
- 17 there is a transcript but in point of fact, the
- 18 Wong firm was present at that time and I think
- 19 that on the basis of that testimony, Your Honor is
- 20 able to make virtually all of the findings which
- 21 are requested, recognizing, of course, it is an
- 22 interim hearing. So I don't know that it's
- 23 necessary and indeed it is virtually a lifetime
- 24 between last Thursday and Tuesday. The way the
- 25 hearings go, as Your Honor well knows, this is

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 actually longer than sometimes one gets, so unless
- 3 Your Honor has specific parts of the --
- 4 THE COURT: Do you have that chart
- 5 that was introduced and about which there was some
- 6 testimony?
- 7 MS. WONG: This chart?
- 8 THE COURT: I don't know which one it
- 9 was. It was on a small piece of paper. The
- 10 projections.
- 11 MR. SACKS: I think I would also note
- 12 while we are waiting for that, that the Affidavit
- 13 that was submitted in connection with the only
- 14 application which counsel for Chinatrust has had
- 15 since last Wednesday night --
- 16 THE COURT: Just show it to them to
- 17 make sure it's the same document. (handing)
- 18 MR. SACKS: And Chinatrust has also
- 19 had the proposed outline of the proposed term
- 20 sheet since last Thursday, and the first we heard
- 21 of any objection or any requirement that Mr. Chang
- 22 be here was at 9 o'clock this morning.
- 23 MS. WONG: Your Honor, also I would
- 24 like to be heard on that issue. The terms have
- 25 substantially changed since last Friday and when

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 this motion was originally brought I mean, one
- 3 major term is that Chinatrust was going to be
- 4 receiving adequate protection by having interest
- 5 paid -- payments made to it.
- 6 MR. SACKS: That hasn't changed since
- 7 last Friday.
- 8 THE COURT: Go ahead.
- 9 MS. WONG: There are so many
- 10 differences between what was brought up in the
- 11 original draft and what is being proposed now. We
- 12 only got the --
- 13 THE COURT: But that doesn't sound
- 14 like a testimonial question, that sounds like an
- objection to the contents of the Order so let's
- 16 deal with the testimony first.
- What do you perceive to be factual
- issues whether the Debtor needs money?
- MS. WONG: Well, whether there is
- 20 going to be irreparable harm and whether or not as
- 21 a matter of law they are going to be able to meet
- the standard that there's going to be some type of
- 23 destruction of their business if they don't get
- 24 this money on an interim basis.
- Now it's possible that when the final

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 hearing is held on this matter several weeks from
- 3 now, the Court could conclude that it would be
- 4 appropriate to have some type of financing in
- 5 place. However, this is not the financing that
- 6 should be an Order. I mean an Order should not be
- 7 issued today because they can't show that there
- 8 was a destruction of their business in any way.
- 9 They can't show that, for example, I don't want to
- 10 tell the Debtors what kind of proof they have to
- 11 put on in order to show destruction of their
- 12 business, but none of that was testified to before
- 13 and if they are going to raise that now just on
- 14 paper, I want to be able to examine Mr. Chang
- 15 about that.
- 16 THE COURT: Yes.
- 17 MR. SACKS: The risks on that very
- 18 issue, Mr. Chang has been fully examined by
- 19 Chinatrust. Mr. Chang testified, and the only
- 20 reason why we didn't need the emergent relief as
- of last Thursday, was Chase's agreement to carry
- 22 us through the weekend. But the vagaries of the
- 23 business was as Mr. Chang testified to, the impact
- 24 on vendors, the impact on employees and the very
- 25 cash flows there which show that we are very close

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 to the line for some of the weeks between now and
- 3 May 30th.
- 4 THE COURT: You see I'm looking at
- 5 the chart which was testified about, and I see,
- 6 for instance, for the week ending May 19th, the
- 7 negative cash flow is almost \$1.4 million and they
- 8 will have \$17,000 from the bank, if everything
- 9 breaks the way it's supposed to break. So it
- 10 looks to me like they may need \$1.4 million by
- 11 then.
- I see that for the week ending June,
- which may be beyond the final hearing, the week
- 14 ending June 2nd, their cash flow is \$2 million and
- 15 indeed their cash balance is almost negative \$1
- 16 million so clearly they need some financing.
- 17 This chart was testified to. You had
- 18 an opportunity to cross-examine at the last
- 19 hearing. There's evidence that they need
- 20 financing and there's also evidence that no one
- 21 refuted Mr. Chang's view of the appearance or the
- 22 availability of financing induces trade vendors to
- 23 basically give unsecured credit in the ordinary
- 24 course of business. And they don't -- I don't see
- 25 what beyond that what evidence is necessary in

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 order to make a determination that the Debtor
- 3 needs some financing or may need some financing
- 4 over the next two weeks.
- 5 MS. WONG: It seems to me that Mr.
- 6 Chang testified that they might not even need the
- 7 money from this financing and, in fact, I'm not
- 8 even sure they used the money over the weekend.
- 9 THE COURT: Well, that was just for
- 10 the two days or three days, but now we are talking
- 11 about going out for about 14 days and I see again
- 12 the week ending May 19th, which is during this
- 13 period, they are going to have a negative cash
- 14 flow of \$1.4 million.
- 15 MS. WONG: But these were projected
- 16 revenue deficits that they weren't even clear
- 17 about. We are going into the summer session now,
- 18 this is the season.
- 19 THE COURT: Well, he testified and
- 20 you had the opportunity to cross-examine. Do you
- 21 have any evidence to produce which indicates that
- 22 those are not correct projections?
- 23 MS. WONG: I don't think that, first
- 24 of all, based on what he testified to last week,
- 25 that he has made the requisite showing for the

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 fact that there was going to be a destruction of
- 3 the business. I think that --
- 4 THE COURT: I don't think that's the
- 5 test. Destruction of business, it's immediate or
- 6 irreparable harm. I don't think they have to
- 7 prove that they are going to go out of business,
- 8 if they don't get the financing.
- 9 MS. WONG: Well, there's the case of
- 10 Rossolino Beverages Distributors Incorporated
- 11 versus Coca-Cola Bottling Company New York which
- 12 talks about how you have to almost show complete
- 13 and total loss as a destruction.
- 14 THE COURT: What Court decided that?
- 15 MS. WONG: That's the Second Circuit
- 16 1984. There are other cases indicating that
- 17 destruction could possibly relate to the
- 18 contractor possibly deciding that they will not do
- 19 business -- with a major contractor deciding they
- 20 will not do business with the Debtor any longer.
- 21 It has to be a substantial contractor. It can't
- 22 be someone that has minor contracts with the
- 23 Debtor. It cannot be someone whose relationship
- 24 is really going to be impaired.
- 25 THE COURT: Well, how about not being

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- 2 able to meet the payroll?
- MS. WONG: That is a legitimate
- 4 reason. However, it appears that from the
- 5 testimony they also indicated they conceded that
- 6 they probably didn't even need the money.
- 7 THE COURT: But that was just for
- 8 this payroll.
- 9 MS. WONG: Right, but I think at some
- 10 point when they get to that point where they
- 11 absolutely need an Order to Show Cause in order to
- 12 enter into this type financing agreement, then
- 13 that's when they should come to the Court. I
- 14 think it's premature now to ask the Court to enter
- 15 emergency relief especially since upon our review
- 16 of the terms of this financing agreement it is so
- 17 unfair and it is so one-sided.
- 18 THE COURT: Let's put aside the
- 19 question of need and tell me about the items of
- 20 the financing agreement that you object to.
- 21 MR. SACKS: Your Honor, if I just may
- 22 note that the items with respect to the Chinatrust
- 23 of the financing have not changed since Thursday
- 24 afternoon.
- 25 THE COURT: She may have felt that

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 was unfair also, so let me hear what you think is
- 3 unfair.
- 4 MS. WONG: In items of the financing
- 5 agreement and the terms?
- 6 THE COURT: Right.
- 7 MS. WONG: This is a situation in
- 8 which Chase has unrecorded mortgages. They are
- 9 unsecured with regard to this \$130 million debt,
- 10 and this is their attempt to protect their
- interests and perhaps even perfect security
- 12 interests which they should have perfected a long
- 13 time ago on pre-petition.
- 14 They are seeking to use this DIP
- 15 financing to put themselves in a better place than
- 16 where they were prior to the petition. It allows
- 17 them for a certain setoff monies, in cash
- 18 collateral.
- 19 We have reason to believe that there
- 20 is a certain amount of money which is being
- 21 deposited into a general operating account in
- 22 Melville, New York. Everything that, all of the
- 23 revenue that comes into the properties are sent
- 24 directly to Melville into an operating account and
- 25 that's our cash collateral.

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- We have an absolute assignment of
- 3 rents, they have been perfected. We have reason
- 4 to believe that this money is being intermingled
- 5 and used by the Debtors.
- 6 And Chase Manhattan Bank by virtue of
- 7 this DIP financing seeks to have a super priority
- 8 lien, and seeks to prime our cash collateral on
- 9 that and we have a serious concern over that.
- 10 There are provisions in this
- 11 agreement which provide that they can enter a
- 12 default without Court proceedings. It circumvents
- 13 and perverts the inter-bankruptcy process.
- 14 Essentially there are no adjudication
- 15 of rights with regard to setoffs again. There is
- 16 a default procedure whereby attorneys' fees
- 17 pre-petition are going to be paid without any kind
- 18 of adjudication on the reasonableness of those
- 19 fees and for which there has been no valid lien.
- 20 There is cross-collateralization throughout this
- 21 agreement.
- 22 THE COURT: Where is the
- 23 cross-collateralization? I didn't see that.
- MS. WONG: I can find it for you,
- 25 Your Honor. It appears at a number of places in

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 the paragraph, in the document that we received
- 3 last night, paragraph 4,
- 4 THE COURT: Is this the terms or the
- 5 Order?
- 6 MS. WONG: This is, well, I think I'm
- 7 looking at the terms right now -- I'm looking at
- 8 the Order, I'm sorry. In paragraph 4 of the Order
- 9 it seeks an adjudication of setoff rights they are
- 10 attempting to cross-collateralize their
- 11 pre-petition financing with the DIP financing.
- 12 THE COURT: Let me just read
- 13 paragraph 4. Putting aside the set off issue how
- does this paragraph, cross-collateralization, it's
- 15 a replacement lien to the extent that their
- 16 collateral is diminished.
- 17 MS. WONG: I think they are trying to
- 18 adjudicate the setoff rights.
- 19 THE COURT: That's something else.
- 20 But you said it was cross-collateralization, tell
- 21 me how it's cross-collateralization. It says to
- 22 the extent that your pre-petition lien is
- 23 diminished you get a replacement lien and
- 24 post-petition collateral. What's wrong with that?
- MS. WONG: Well, I would limit it

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- 2 only to the setoff. I think it allows for a
- 3 setoff based upon what is owed pre-petition, based
- 4 upon the DIP financing.
- 5 THE COURT: I quess --
- 6 MR. TODER: Your Honor.
- 7 THE COURT: To the extent it's set
- 8 off it's a secured claim, just increases their
- 9 secured claim. I mean the objection is valid that
- 10 to some extent you are asking me to determine
- 11 setoff rights and I can't determine that today. I
- 12 would say to the extent you have setoff rights --
- MR. SACKS: We are not asking that,
- 14 Judge.
- MR. TODER: We have got a complete
- 16 reservation of rights built in here for all
- 17 parties including, obviously, Chinatrust.
- 18 THE COURT: To the extent they had
- 19 liens, or maybe putting it to the extent they
- 20 didn't have liens, anybody is free to prove that
- 21 and, you know, they are in no better position.
- MR. SACKS: And it says that
- 23 specifically in paragraph 14, Judge.
- 24 THE COURT: The point is nobody
- 25 knows, everybody recognizes that there is a

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- 2 dispute regarding the extent of Chase's liens and
- 3 they are saying to the extent you used property in
- 4 which it ultimately turns out we have liens and
- 5 you have diminished the property of that you get a
- 6 replacement lien and I don't understand what's the
- 7 problem with that.
- 8 MS. WONG: In paragraph 14 it
- 9 provides that Morgan Lewis & Bockius will be paid
- 10 any pre-petition fees and expenses.
- 11 THE COURT: Let me see.
- MS. WONG: This is paragraph 14.
- 13 THE COURT: Let me just read it. I
- 14 see that. Why are pre-petition legal fees being
- 15 paid as part of the --
- MR. TODER: Because that's part and
- 17 parcel, they are allowing a priming to go on here.
- 18 This is indeed part of an adequate protection
- 19 which is the essential deal that's been cut. If
- 20 indeed that's an objection that will be raised at
- 21 the end of the day. As to the entitlement they
- 22 have that complete right to do so. But as part of
- 23 the deal that's been agreed to by the parties that
- 24 is part of the adequate protection.
- 25 THE COURT: I quess the answer is

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 that to the extent you know your attorneys' fees
- 3 are secured under the existing agreements, they
- 4 can be paid but if it turns out they are not
- 5 secured you may have to get it back.
- 6 MR. TODER: And that is exactly
- 7 right, Your Honor. That is entirely the case and
- 8 there is no attempt to diminish rights of the
- 9 Complaint or recharacterization or anything else
- 10 in terms of it.
- MR. SACKS: Your Honor.
- 12 THE COURT: Doesn't that solve your
- issue, Ms. Wong?
- MS. WONG: Well --
- 15 THE COURT: I can't possibly
- 16 determine all these issues today and assuming that
- 17 the Debtor needs money there's no way to do it
- 18 except, you know, everybody is reserving their
- 19 rights; usually the lender insists on an
- 20 immediate determination as to the validity of the
- 21 amount of its claim, the validity and extent of
- 22 its lien and they are not saying that. They are
- 23 just saying to the extent we have liens, you know,
- 24 we are entitled to this agreement. If it turns
- out we don't have liens, Chase has that money.

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- 2 MS. WONG: The other problem we have
- 3 is no adequate protection throughout.
- 4 THE COURT: But you concede adequate
- 5 protection you are not entitled, are you lending
- 6 any money?
- 7 MR. SACKS: Your Honor, we think they
- 8 are adequately protected.
- 9 THE COURT: Let me take a step back
- 10 because I don't think that's an issue; I don't
- 11 think it's up to Chase and the Debtor to negotiate
- 12 adequate protection for you. They can't use your
- 13 cash collateral --
- MS. WONG: I believe they are.
- 15 THE COURT: -- without your consent.
- 16 Tell me how they are using your cash collateral.
- 17 MS. WONG: We have various types of
- 18 facilities, we understand that the cash which is
- 19 coming into those entities is being sent to
- 20 Melville, New York and is being used in a general
- 21 operating account.
- 22 THE COURT: I am prepared to say that
- 23 in connection with this Order that nothing in this
- Order will authorize the Debtor to use your cash
- 25 collateral: Doesn't that protect you?

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- 2 MS. WONG: Except for the fact that
- 3 we would like the cash collateral from those
- 4 particular facilities to be put in a separate
- 5 account.
- 6 THE COURT: Then you are going to
- 7 have to demonstrate to me, I think, what your cash
- 8 collateral was because I don't know. They do have
- 9 to segregate cash in the collateral, so you don't
- 10 need an Order from me. That's true.
- 11 MS. WONG: The other thing is that we
- 12 have an absolute assignment of rents, and last
- 13 week the Debtors represented that the money which
- 14 was coming into these facilities were rents, and
- 15 based upon --
- MR. SACKS: We did not say that.
- 17 MS. WONG: -- that representation and
- 18 the fact this we have an absolute assignment of
- 19 rents, we are entitled to that money. That is our
- 20 money. That money should not be commingled in any
- 21 way. I guess we can file another application with
- 22 the Court asking for that in a separate Order.
- 23 THE COURT: It seems to be a dispute
- 24 as to what your cash collateral is and what it
- isn't and that can't be resolved today.

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- What I'm prepared to rule which is
- 3 consistent with the Bankruptcy Code that they
- 4 cannot use the cash collateral and they have to
- 5 separate the cash collateral and that's what the
- 6 Bankruptcy Code requires.
- 7 MR. SACKS: Just so it's clear, what
- 8 the issue that we had last week, the Debtor's
- 9 position was exactly the opposite and it was the
- 10 issue that I had with Mr. Toder is that when
- 11 someone hits a golf ball they are renting the golf
- 12 ball.
- The operations, in the Debtor's view,
- 14 at the facilities that are subject to Chinatrust
- 15 mortgages are not being rented, there's no rent
- 16 going on there, and it is the Debtor's view,
- 17 subject to checking each of the mortgages again,
- 18 that there is virtually none or no cash collateral
- 19 being used.
- 20 THE COURT: I think you have got a
- 21 real cash collateral issue. Nothing is prejudiced
- 22 in your rights. Just that it's not going to be
- 23 decided today, and one or the other of you is
- 24 going to have to come up with a method of keying
- 25 this up. So whatever rights, whatever is your

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- 2 cash collateral is your cash they cannot use it
- 3 without your consent.
- 4 MS. WONG: But there is a provision
- 5 in here which does say that they can deposit any
- 6 cash collateral into a particular account at
- 7 Chase.
- 8 THE COURT: Okay. Except your cash
- 9 collateral.
- 10 MS. WONG: So if there's a carve-out
- 11 for that we will accept that.
- 12 THE COURT: I don't mean to be
- 13 facetious, but I think this Order ought to be
- 14 resolved as soon as possible as to whether or not
- 15 they have cash collateral or what extent they have
- 16 because you don't want to find yourself in a
- 17 contempt proceeding.
- 18 MR. SACKS: I'll look at it again
- 19 this afternoon.
- 20 MS. WONG: I think the main thing
- 21 here is they have not been able to show that there
- 22 was a destruction of their business or there is
- 23 going to be an imminent destruction of their
- 24 business and that's the whole purpose of why we
- 25 are here today.

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- 2 There is going to be a hearing on May
- 3 30th, I believe, to determine whether or not there
- 4 should be financing. There is no one from the
- 5 Debtor coming in and saying that we don't meet our
- 6 payroll by specific date and in a specific amount
- 7 and we know for certain we have a shortfall in our
- 8 cash and this will result in the destruction in
- 9 our business. We need emergency relief right now.
- 10 There is no one doing that.
- 11 THE COURT: But how much is the
- 12 Debtor seeking to borrow under the interim Order?
- 13 \$5 million.
- 14 MR. SACKS: 5.
- 15 MR. TODER: Your Honor, may I address
- 16 that briefly?
- 17 THE COURT: Sure.
- 18 MR. TODER: What we seem to have done
- 19 is we keep swinging dramatically between two very
- 20 different concepts.
- On the one hand what you have heard
- 22 is argument as to whether or not the showing that
- 23 has been made is sufficient to allow the entry of
- 24 an interim Order. On the other hand when that
- 25 seems to be going the wrong way, what counsel then

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- 2 says is but there hasn't been enough testimony.
- Now the testimony, Your Honor, of
- 4 course, will recall the testimony beginning, and I
- 5 recall it all too well because I was
- 6 cross-examining from a slightly different
- 7 perspective than I'm now addressing, but in point
- 8 of fact two different arguments were made which I
- 9 think the Court, I believe, found to be
- 10 acceptable, and that was one. The question of
- it's pretty darn tight, and we can't fool around
- 12 with whether or not this business is going to run
- 13 out of dollars because there's a short amount and
- 14 we don't know whether or not collections will be
- 15 sufficient and the budget shows it's tight, and
- 16 secondly, there was testimony and I happen to note
- 17 some of it on page 49 of the transcript.
- 18 THE COURT: I don't have a
- 19 transcript.
- 20 MR. TODER: I just got it, literally,
- 21 your Honor, but if I could just quote from it:
- 22 "Ouestion: What issues were those?
- 23 "Answer: Even before the filing this
- 24 morning we, because of our declaration of default
- 25 by the bank's failure, default due to failure to

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- 2 pay interest, we have, our key vendors stopped
- 3 making, delivering products for us, canceling our
- 4 products and we couldn't service our customers
- 5 properly."
- The English is not perfect, but the
- 7 gist of it, I think, Your Honor, there and
- 8 throughout the transcript, was a series of
- 9 statements under oath to the affect that there was
- 10 a crisis of confidence and indeed from the
- 11 standpoint of both the vendors' suppliers and
- 12 indeed customers, it was important that this DIP
- 13 ought to be entered pronto. The Court will
- 14 determine whether or not that's sufficient, but
- 15 that at least was the testimony.
- 16 MR. SACKS: And the exhibit that Your
- 17 Honor has asked for is in evidence. It shows
- 18 negative cash flow even if the weather is good,
- 19 and there's also been testimony that this is a
- 20 variable business depending on the weather.
- 21 MS. WONG: Your Honor, I really
- 22 object to that type of evidence being used to
- 23 support temporary relief emergent relief in a case
- 24 like this because say that it's comparing my
- 25 relationships with certain vendors.

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- 2 In any bankruptcy -- in any business
- 3 when you are not paying your bills your
- 4 relationships are going to be impaired and there
- 5 is going to be some people who will decide they
- 6 are not going to do business with you anymore.
- 7 THE COURT: Chinatrust was present at
- 8 the hearing and didn't object to that testimony,
- 9 so you can't object now.
- 10 MS. WONG: Your Honor, there was an
- 11 understanding that there was going to be another
- 12 hearing on Tuesday where we could fully try this
- issue on emergency relief.
- 14 MR. SACKS: That's actually not true
- 15 at the time, Judge.
- MS. WONG: Well, the terms of the
- 17 agreement have substantially changed.
- 18 THE COURT: That's a different
- 19 question from the relief from the need. I
- 20 understand you have objections to the provisions
- 21 and that you have outlined to me, but that's a
- 22 different question from the relief from the need.
- 23 You know I have these projections in
- 24 evidence, and I also recall Mr. Chang testifying
- 25 that he didn't think they weren't going to meet

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- 2 the projections, at least for the particular day
- 3 that we were talking about, because of the \$2.8
- 4 million that had been projected. I think 1
- 5 million had been set off by the bank and that \$1.8
- 6 million is was only going to be available and he
- 7 was subject to cross-examination on that. And I
- 8 found that to be credible.
- 9 MS. WONG: Your Honor, it was my
- 10 understanding that he testified that they didn't
- 11 even think they were going to need the financing.
- 12 That doesn't seem it me that that's a circumstance
- in which there's irreparable harm, and if there
- 14 are vendors who are not doing business with you
- 15 you can't just state that generally, you have to
- 16 submit specific facts on what vendors are not
- 17 doing business with you, how it's going to affect
- 18 the business, what products are not being
- 19 delivered, how it affects the business and I don't
- 20 think any of that was presented at the hearing
- 21 last week.
- I just I think there are so many
- 23 generalities, and it was so vague in terms of what
- 24 the harm was going to be to the business that I
- 25 don't think that they met that threshold of

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 standard of showing irreparable harm.
- 3 MR. SACKS: Your Honor, the
- 4 irreparable harm you don't even have to get to the
- 5 vendors. You only have to look at the vendors
- 6 which Your Honor has done. If there's a negative
- 7 cash flow in one of those weeks, we are out of
- 8 business. If we don't have money to cover that
- 9 cash flow, and that's before you get to the issues
- 10 about weather. Before you get to the issues of
- 11 those risks of those projections being wrong
- 12 because of the lack of confidence in vendors.
- 13 That's with confidence, with straight across
- 14 projections as to revenue that's what Mr. Chang
- 15 testified to, and in addition to that there were
- 16 other risks. But that exhibit, those schedules
- 17 standing alone demonstrate enough to get us to May
- 18 30th.
- 19 If Chinatrust has issues with respect
- 20 to this on May 30th we will be here, we will have
- 21 evidence if things haven't been resolved by then
- 22 and we will try to resolve their cash collateral
- 23 issue if they have any cash collateral, but the
- 24 issues that have been presented by Chinatrust, as
- 25 Mr. Toder pointed out, are really going in two

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- 2 directions. They didn't have an issue. They
- 3 didn't have an issue on Thursday with the need for
- 4 emergency. The issue with respect to Thursday was
- 5 an issue as to whether there was a need for
- 6 emergency relief for the weekend and not whether
- 7 there was going to be a need for relief by
- 8 Tuesday.
- 9 MS. WONG: Your Honor, but no one has
- 10 presented any evidence as of today. You know in
- 11 this changing economic climate we are in, that you
- 12 know there isn't any irreparable harm today. You
- 13 know there might have been a concern last week,
- 14 but there's no --
- 15 THE COURT: So I have to have a
- 16 hearing every day then to determine whether
- 17 there's going to be irreparable harm in the next
- 18 day?
- 19 MS. WONG: No, of course not, but I
- 20 don't think they have made the requisite showing
- 21 that there was destruction of the business which
- 22 was pending and imminent.
- 23 THE COURT: I'm going to approve the
- 24 interim financing. I conducted a hearing --
- 25 MR. MASUMOTO: Your Honor, I did have

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 some objections.
- 3 THE COURT: I'll get to the terms in
- 4 a minute, but let's just deal with this issue of
- 5 necessity. There was a hearing last Thursday
- 6 evening in this Court in which Mr. Chang gave
- 7 testimonial evidence and documentary evidence as
- 8 well regarding this particular Debtor.
- 9 The evidence was that the Debtors
- 10 anticipated cash might or might not be sufficient
- 11 to make the payroll that was due the next day,
- 12 which was May 5th, and in the course of that
- 13 hearing, however, the Debtors submitted
- 14 projections which run till the end of June
- 15 regarding its cash needs and its cash
- 16 availability. That shows that a \$2.8 million in
- 17 two weeks will occur prior to the time of the
- 18 final hearing, the Debtor is going to have a
- 19 substantial negative cash flow from the week
- 20 ending May 19th, Debtor projects negative cash
- 21 flow with approximately \$1.4 million.
- 22 During the week ending June 2nd, the
- 23 Debtor indicates a negative cash flow of almost
- \$2.2 million. Right now we are scheduled to have
- 25 the final hearing May 30th. I do have a trial

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- 2 scheduled that day, and I may move it to June 2nd,
- 3 which I think is a Friday. I haven't done that
- 4 yet. Let me see what happens with the trial. But
- 5 it doesn't matter because if the obligations
- 6 become due at the beginning of the week and the
- 7 money comes in at the end of the week, it may
- 8 equal out in the end but that doesn't help the
- 9 Debtor if it has to pay bills.
- 10 So the Debtor has shown through the
- 11 projections that it's going to need possibly about
- 12 \$3.5 million more than it's going to take in.
- Now, the Debtor, Mr. Chang, also
- 14 testified that it would not, the Debtor would not
- 15 need the projections of the week ending May 5th
- 16 because upon the default shortly before the
- 17 bankruptcy started the bank setoff, so instead of
- 18 the \$2.8 million that was supposed to come in only
- 19 \$1.8 million came in which means that the Debtor
- 20 could be up to \$4 and-a-half million in the red
- 21 for week after the final hearing.
- 22 If the Debtor doesn't pay its
- 23 employees which debts are included, if the Debtor
- 24 doesn't pay its rent obligations which are
- 25 included here, this Debtor is not going to survive

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- 2 this Chapter 11 very long; so under the
- 3 circumstances, I am satisfied that Debtor has
- 4 shown the need for \$5 million in interim
- 5 financing, pending the final hearing on or about
- 6 May 30th or June 12th, whatever that turns out to
- 7 be, in fact. It like a title but in fact the
- 8 Debtor has limited itself.
- 9 I note that Chinatrust was present at
- 10 the interim hearing or emergency hearing and had
- 11 ample opportunity to cross-examine Mr. Chang or
- 12 object to any questions. It did make arguments,
- 13 but to my knowledge did not challenge the
- 14 testimony in the form of an objection so I'm
- 15 satisfied that the Debtor has shown the need for
- 16 the financing. So let's get to the terms of the
- 17 agreement.
- Mr. Masumoto, what are your
- 19 questions?
- 20 MR. MASUMOTO: Your Honor, just at
- 21 the outset I would like to indicate that I did
- 22 speak to counsel for Chase, Mr. Toder, and he
- 23 represented to me and based upon my reading that
- 24 there was no attempt to cross-collateralize.
- 25 THE COURT: I didn't see it here.

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- 2 MR. MASUMOTO: I just wanted to
- 3 confirm that for the record if that's changed --
- 4 MR. TODER: Yes, just this once we
- 5 won't attempt to cross-collateralize.
- 6 MR. SACKS: That's our understanding
- 7 as well.
- 8 MR. MASUMOTO: Your Honor, if I could
- 9 direct your attention to page 5, paragraph 2,
- 10 which I interpreted as the provision that provided
- 11 for the ability of parties to challenge the
- 12 validity of Chase liens.
- 13 I inquired and received
- 14 confirmation that includes the Creditors Committee
- 15 which is not yet in existence, but that paragraph
- 16 does provide an opportunity for Creditors to give
- 17 challenge.
- 18 THE COURT: That is including without
- 19 limiting, even if it said without limitation that
- 20 is a broad term.
- 21 MR. TODER: That is correct, Your
- 22 Honor, and Chinatrust also intended to be among
- 23 the parties that can challenge.
- MR. MASUMOTO: Then, Your Honor,
- 25 moving on to page 8 which is part of paragraph 5,

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- 2 the carryover provision of paragraph 5, it's my
- 3 understanding that paragraph 5 essentially
- 4 summarizes provisions that follow more
- 5 specifically. I did not see in paragraph 5 a
- 6 reference to a carve-out although the more
- 7 specific paragraphs below include a carve out.
- 8 THE COURT: I thought I saw that they
- 9 would be paying attorneys' fees irrespective of
- 10 the carve-out as the case was going along, and
- 11 that this carve-out was really --
- MR. TODER: Yes, the carve-out
- 13 provisions come later in the agreed upon
- 14 paragraphs in the Order -- it was not agreed upon
- 15 in the Order. It is not meant by this paragraph
- 16 to act as in derogation of the carve-out
- 17 provisions.
- 18 THE COURT: So you get carve-out
- 19 plus.
- 20 MR. MASUMOTO: Your Honor, I just
- 21 wanted to make sure that the inconsistencies
- 22 wasn't regarded as any sort of concession.
- 23 THE COURT: When does the carve-out
- 24 kick in?
- 25 MR. TODER: It has to be a default,

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 Your Honor, it cannot be before.
- 3 THE COURT: It's a spiral carve-out.
- 4 MR. MASUMOTO: Well --
- 5 THE COURT: It really is not a
- 6 carve-out as long as the case goes along, as I
- 7 understand it, after default then there's a limit
- 8 on fees.
- 9 MR. MASUMOTO: Your Honor, the point
- 10 of the carve-out not to commingle with the
- 11 professionals' fees but as a separate portion of
- 12 the carve-out for the U.S. Trustee's fees. Now
- 13 I'm not sure, you know, if there has to be a
- 14 default for that to kick in. It's my
- 15 understanding --
- 16 THE COURT: You are going to pay your
- 17 U.S. Trustee's fees you have to pay the U.S.
- 18 Trustee's fees regardless of the carve-out as the
- 19 case is going along.
- MR. MASUMOTO: That's correct, Your
- 21 Honor.
- 22 THE COURT: And that's provided for,
- 23 maybe it's not clearly provided for because the
- 24 reference is to 330 and 331, and I don't know if
- 25 there's a specific reference to paying the fees

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- 2 due under --
- 3 MR. TODER: It is page 10 at the
- 4 bottom, Your Honor. We take care of 28 U.S.C.
- 5 1930. I certainly appreciate the concern of the
- 6 U.S. Trustee for its own fees and admire that.
- 7 THE COURT: They don't worry about
- 8 your fees.
- 9 MR. MASUMOTO: Your Honor, as to
- 10 paragraph 10, if we could move, to be more
- 11 specific, paragraph 10, it's my understanding is
- 12 that 364(c) is one provision which is an attempt
- 13 to achieve a super priority claim as to the
- 14 expenses. We have our routine objection that
- 15 based upon the language, the intent is also
- 16 intended to prime any Chapter 7 expenses under
- 17 726.
- THE COURT: Actually, they didn't
- 19 even say that, usually they say explicitly.
- MR. TODER: It is intended, however,
- 21 Your Honor, nonetheless.
- 22 THE COURT: Mr. Toder, we have a
- 23 record here and sometimes that just cannot pick up
- 24 your wit, so be careful of what you say; it may
- 25 come back to you haunt you.

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- 2 MR. TODER: I'm sorry.
- 3 THE COURT: As I understand it, it's
- 4 not even mentioned in the agreement, and there are
- 5 no expenses or understanding that inasmuch that
- 6 was the intention or understanding that this --
- 7 anything or any lien or any priority that you get
- 8 is going to prime any burial expenses in Chapter
- 9 7.
- 10 MR. TODER: It is prime, and indeed
- 11 we have --, its binding on all successors and
- 12 interest and there's a section on that.
- 13 THE COURT: Well, the Order can be
- 14 binding on all successors and interest and that
- doesn't mean that you prime Chapter 7
- 16 administrative expenses.
- 17 MR. TODER: It is indeed binding
- 18 to -- Your Honor, and if you give me a moment I'll
- 19 find it. It is so intended, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: You can't do that.
- 21 MR. MASUMOTO: Your Honor, it's my
- 22 understanding that --
- 23 THE COURT: Let me just read it. I
- 24 read paragraph 24 there's nothing inconsistent
- 25 with saying that a trustee is bound by this Order

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- 2 because you cannot challenge liens that are
- 3 validly given under this Order, or they cannot
- 4 challenge Orders that are affected by this Order.
- 5 But there's nothing in this Order that says that
- 6 in the event that there's a Chapter 7, the Chapter
- 7 11 super priority expenses prime the Chapter 7
- 8 burial expenses which is inconsistent with the
- 9 Bankruptcy Code.
- 10 MR. TODER: No, it is not
- inconsistent with the Bankruptcy Code because 726
- 12 (b) refers to 503 -- let me get this right. It
- refers to 503(b) but not to 507(b), and in point
- 14 of fact there's been a consistent position of
- 15 every DIP lender and indeed the Southern District
- 16 has consistently supported this view that indeed
- 17 the objections of the U.S. Trustee on this point
- 18 have been overruled because otherwise there cannot
- 19 be DIP lending because in point of fact you aren't
- 20 taking account of the fact that they have got to
- 21 be first.
- THE COURT: Mr. Masumoto?
- MR. MASUMOTO: Your Honor, I think I
- 24 would like to object to counsel's comment. I
- 25 believe that we have always raised it and it's

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- 2 might have understanding that the Court generally
- 3 is also concerned about the burial expenses of the
- 4 Defendant's Excel case, and so forth, has always
- 5 upheld the primacy of section 720(c).
- 6 Having said that, Your Honor, I know
- 7 that some courts in an attempt to compromise the
- 8 matter have essentially created carve-outs
- 9 sometimes for the Chapter 7 trustee.
- 10 MR. TODER: And that is acceptable to
- 11 us as a compromise. What we have done in those
- 12 instances is where we have the carve-out we have
- 13 included within the ambit of the carve-out
- 14 provision for Trustees whether in an 11 or a 7;
- 15 that's the way we have taken account of the
- 16 objection.
- 17 THE COURT: The Trustee would prime
- 18 any other administrative expenses; there is a
- 19 million-dollar carve-out in this case.
- 20 MR. MASUMOTO: Well, just understand
- 21 I'm not sure I thought the definition of the
- 22 carve-out was for professionals and did not --
- 23 MR. TODER: The normal expenses, what
- 24 we have done --
- MR. MASUMOTO: Full-time

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- 2 representation is that the carve-out applies to
- 3 Chapter 7 --
- 4 THE COURT: Why don't you just
- 5 provide that the carve-out will apply to the
- 6 Chapter 7 Trustee and his or her commissions?
- 7 MR. TODER: We will do that, Your
- 8 Honor.
- 9 THE COURT: Is that acceptable? It's
- 10 a million-dollar carve-out and they certainly
- 11 prime any attorneys' fees or anything else that
- occurs under 503 arising under 503(b) in Chapter
- 13 11.
- 14 MR. MASUMOTO: Understood, Your
- 15 Honor, and assuming without prejudicing or for
- 16 judging the monthly Order, if the professionals
- 17 being paid on a monthly basis, I assume --
- 18 THE COURT: But that's not subject to
- 19 carve-out.
- MR. MASUMOTO: No, I understand. So
- 21 it wouldn't be applying the carve-out to that
- 22 extent. In any event, yes, Your Honor.
- 23 THE COURT: Let's just make sure we
- 24 are all agreed that that carve-out, the
- 25 limitations imposed by the carve-out don't start

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- 2 to occur until was this a default? And then you
- 3 don't look back and add up all the money that's
- 4 been paid and say, hey, we have paid a million
- 5 dollars.
- 6 MR. TODER: We don't do that, Your
- 7 Honor and that is clear from page 10, paragraph
- 8 10, Your Honor. Where it says "subject only in
- 9 the event of an occurrence of an event of
- 10 default, " which is about a third of the way up.
- 11 THE COURT: But it's a prospective
- 12 carve-out.
- MR. TODER: Yes, indeed. And, Your
- 14 Honor, that is clear.
- 15 MR. SACKS: Is the carve-out we are
- 16 talking about for Chapter 7 Trustee fees going to
- 17 be -- it's incremental which is put in the Y
- 18 clause not the X clause?
- 19 MR. TODER: No, excuse me, that's not
- 20 right. A million dollars is a lot of money. In
- 21 point of fact, you are getting paid on a current
- 22 pay basis and if the result is --
- 23 THE COURT: You are getting paid on a
- 24 current pay basis. If this case craters and
- there's a conversion, let's say there's a million

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 dollar carve-out because there's a practical
- 3 matter; I'm not going to approve any legal fees at
- 4 a Chapter 11 the case is greater than -- until the
- 5 dust settles there's a million dollar carve-out
- 6 and under 726(b) the Trustee's administrative
- 7 expenses, prime all of the Chapter 11, 503(b)
- 8 expenses including your attorneys' fees which are
- 9 503(b) expenses.
- 10 That's the way it works. Is that
- 11 right, Mr. Toder?
- 12 MR. TODER: Yes, and I'm drafting
- 13 some language, Your Honor, if I may. Just give me
- 14 one second.
- 15 THE COURT: All right.
- MR. SACKS: The fact that the
- 17 Trustee's expenses come before the professionals
- is a different issue as to whether the million
- 19 dollars includes the Chapter 7 Trustees.
- 20 THE COURT: The answer is it does, it
- 21 includes Chapter 7 Trustees, Chapter 7 expenses,
- 22 and which would include the commissions; it just
- 23 does because as a practical matter you don't get
- 24 to the carve-out until there's a default.
- 25 At that point there's going to be,

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- 2 assuming there's going to be a Trustee -- let's
- 3 say that's at the end of the case. If the default
- 4 is cured, I guess that that kind of undoes it but
- 5 if you get to that point, you are either going to
- 6 have a dismissal but more likely in a case like
- 7 this a conversion.
- 8 If a Chapter 7 Trustee is going to
- 9 come in and step in and his fees are going to
- 10 prime your fees or the Chapter 7 expenses are
- 11 going to prime your fees, but as a practical
- 12 matter the only expenses in a Chapter 7 Trustee
- 13 commissions.
- 14 MR. TODER: What I have done, Your
- 15 Honor, is five lines up from the bottom of page 10
- 16 paragraph 10, after the word cases (the cases),
- 17 where it says, I have put "and the fees
- 18 commissions, and expenses of any Chapter 7 Trustee
- 19 and his or her professional" --
- 20 MR. SACKS: Your Honor, what that
- 21 winds up with is the Debtors not having any
- 22 carve-out for their professional fees after a
- 23 Chapter 7 Trustee.
- 24 THE COURT: That is a million dollar
- 25 carve-out.

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- 2 MR. FIRST: We will be diluted down
- 3 by the Chapter 7 effectively from when there's
- 4 effectively there's no carve-out because it says
- 5 it's a million carve-out for the benefit of the
- 6 Chapter 7 Trustee because once you have the
- 7 default they could continue to dilute it down to
- 8 almost zero. That's in effect once you default we
- 9 are not getting any protection and neither are the
- 10 Creditors in this case. That's why it should be
- 11 incremental.
- MR. TODER: It's not going to be
- 13 increments. This is a \$15 million DIP which we
- 14 have creating a million dollar carve-out.
- THE COURT: Let me propose a
- 16 hypothetical. Let's say you have gotten paid all
- 17 your legal fees and expenses in full during the
- 18 Chapter 11, the case converts.
- 19 The Trustee working on spec accrues a
- 20 million dollars in legal fees which are allowed.
- 21 Where do you think that money is going to come
- 22 from? It's going to come from the Chapter 11
- 23 expenses that were paid ahead of him, if the
- 24 estate is assuming the Chapter 7 estate.
- 25 MR. SACKS: The issue isn't that,

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 Judge. The issue is whether that dilutes the
- 3 carve-out that was negotiated between the Debtors
- 4 and Chase for post default. And that's what it's
- 5 doing, what it's doing is taking the entire
- 6 carve-out which the Debtors and Chase negotiated
- 7 and basically saying in that circumstance, the
- 8 Debtors don't have any professionals.
- 9 THE COURT: Maybe the corporate
- 10 resolution is to cap the Chapter 7 carve-out.
- 11 MR. FIRST: If I may, in your
- 12 circumstance the positive that the Debtors
- 13 professionals paid in full so then obviously the
- 14 dilutions is the minimis, but in fact they may not
- 15 have paid us.
- 16 THE COURT: But during that case you
- 17 are not going getting paid out of the carve-out.
- 18 MR. FIRST: No. I appreciate that,
- 19 but once there's a default then it starts to click
- 20 into the million, at that point you know if we
- 21 just got paid there's another three-month period,
- 22 and right at the end there, in fact, the thing
- 23 defaults. Then we could have three months of
- 24 potentially fees, and that's the purpose of the
- 25 million dollars because we wouldn't have been

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- 2 paid.
- 3 THE COURT: My suggestion is to see
- 4 if you can agree on a cap on the carve-out in
- 5 Chapter 7 estate. I understand your concern when
- 6 a Chapter 7 Trustee has to have some, you know,
- 7 some money or I guess they don't have to but it
- 8 just seems to me that we are talking about numbers
- 9 at this point. And you can agree to a cap will
- 10 satisfy the U.S. Trustee who at this point, I
- 11 guess, is speaking for the potential Trustee. The
- 12 Chapter 11 professionals and the bank. I note
- 13 that well --
- 14 MR. TODER: Your Honor, two things.
- 15 This came up because of U.S. Trustee raising a
- 16 concern over 726 which in point of fact I don't
- 17 think is necessary; necessary to me meaning it has
- 18 to come out that way at all because I believe that
- 19 if you look at 507(b) if you look at 364(c) (1)
- 20 you will see that makes reference to not just 503
- 21 but also 507(b). That's what makes this
- 22 different.
- 23 THE COURT: And if Congress had
- 24 intended to do a 507(b) --
- MR. TODER: Exactly.

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- THE COURT: A 726(b) instead of a --
- 3 it would have said versus a 364(c); is that where
- 4 you are going?
- 5 MR. TODER: Exactly yes, sir. And
- 6 that's why we don't even have to get there and
- 7 respectfully, Your Honor, that's what most of the
- 8 courts in this district discussing this have done.
- 9 In a minority of the situations, what
- 10 they have done is to say I'll feel more
- 11 comfortable if we include within the carve-out;
- 12 that's a minority. I can only speak for the Chase
- 13 cases, but there have been a lot of them as Your
- 14 Honor knows.
- 15 THE COURT: Right. You see but in a
- 16 lot of cases also, if the Trustee recovers on
- 17 avoidance claims that money could be used to pay
- 18 the Chapter 7 expenses; now here, although your
- 19 liens are not touching your avoidance claims your
- 20 super priority claims are going to be paid for,
- 21 that there's nothing for the Trustee.
- 22 MR. TODER: Nothing for the Trustee;
- 23 it should only turn out that way yes but, Your
- 24 Honor, it is technically correct.
- 25 THE COURT: Technically?

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- MR. TODER: Accurately, but in point
- 3 of fact, Your Honor, I think it's fair to say that
- 4 the distributive scheme of the Code is such that I
- 5 believe that is how it comes out.
- 6 THE COURT: How do you propose this
- 7 be resolved? Since we are talking about the
- 8 Debtor's operations and this is a fight amongst
- 9 professionals.
- 10 MR. TODER: I know. I would have
- 11 thought a modest cap for the burial expenses would
- 12 satisfy the people; that number could be \$50,000,
- 13 a hundred thousand but that's a lot of money.
- 14 THE COURT: Sounds like an
- 15 appropriate way to resolve this issue, since the
- 16 Debtor needs this money for operations and right
- 17 now you are holding it up.
- 18 MR. SACKS: For this Order can we do
- 19 it at 50, Judge, and then --
- MR. MASUMOTO: Your Honor I think 50
- 21 is much -- this is a case with how many Debtors?
- 22 Over 130 Debtors. It's a very large case. The
- 23 idea that a Chapter 7 Trustee --
- 24 THE COURT: What's the number that
- 25 you think would be appropriate?

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- 2 MR. MASUMOTO: Subject to revisit if
- 3 they wish to revisit it for the final, why don't
- 4 we say at this moment \$150,000 for the Chapter 7?
- 5 THE COURT: Rather than revisit it,
- 6 look, why don't we just fix it at a hundred and
- 7 just leave it at that. The Trustee, I don't know
- 8 how much of an expense the Trustee is going to
- 9 incur in this case. To the extent he recovers on
- 10 a grievance action, for example, that money is
- 11 going to go to the bank. If bank doesn't want to
- 12 increase the carve-out, it's not what he or she is
- 13 going to bring that action.
- 14 MR. SACKS: The real issue here is an
- 15 issue that was not something that Chase and the
- 16 Debtors contemplated.
- 17 THE COURT: I understand that.
- 18 MR. SACKS: You understand the reason
- 19 the reason I said leave that to final hearing is
- 20 that it seems to me --
- 21 THE COURT: That's why the U.S.
- 22 Trustee is here because he can't think of
- 23 everything.
- 24 MR. SACKS: -- this is something that
- 25 neither Chase nor the Debtors contemplated.

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- THE COURT: That's true.
- 3 MR. SACKS: This Order takes us to
- 4 the final hearing, why can't Mr. Masumoto reserve
- 5 his rights?
- 6 THE COURT: You are right, there's
- 7 not going to be a default between now and the 14
- 8 days from now and maybe that's the answer and they
- 9 are only going to loan at most \$5 million, if that
- 10 much, and if there are avoidance recoveries there
- 11 are going to be avoidance recoveries beyond any
- 12 claim they have, it makes sense to put this issue
- 13 aside and deal with it at the final hearing.
- MR. MASUMOTO: That's fine.
- 15 THE COURT: Because if there's a
- 16 Chapter 7 hearing between now and the liquidation
- 17 hearing, we are spending too much time.
- 18 MR. MASUMOTO: I would have liked to
- 19 object. I already heard Your Honor's position,
- 20 but we would have objected to the super priority
- 21 over the avoidance action. We take the position
- 22 that these are bankruptcy created assets that
- 23 belong, and into this context we usually say
- 24 Unsecured Creditors.
- THE COURT: You see that's the thing,

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 I understand the argument they adopt at the time a
- 3 lien on the avoidance recovery, but once they are
- 4 un-secure they have a super priority claim and
- 5 after you decide the Order of distribution of
- 6 their super priority claim vis-a-vis the expenses,
- 7 the money comes in and it gets paid for the
- 8 priority.
- 9 I don't see how you can say, for
- 10 example, that certain Creditors can't recover for
- 11 certain types of actions other than if they sue
- 12 the banks; the bank obviously cannot use, they
- 13 can't recover on its claim the money it has to be
- 14 paid.
- 15 MR. MASUMOTO: We have noticed an
- 16 organizational meeting for this Friday at which
- 17 time we hope the committee shall be formed.
- I would like, Your Honor, I
- 19 understand the need to approve this Order quickly,
- 20 I would like to at least reserve the Creditors
- 21 Committee's ability since they are all Creditors.
- 22 THE COURT: This is a final Order,
- 23 this Order will only affect at most \$5 million.
- 24 You have to understand that.
- MR. MASUMOTO: I understand.

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- THE COURT: Which I know is a lot of
- 3 money, but in a case like this is probably a drop
- 4 in the bucket. I think these Orders have probably
- 5 billed that much I think it's --
- 6 MR. MASUMOTO: The committee can take
- 7 it up.
- 8 THE COURT: I realize you are here
- 9 now and there's no Creditors Committee, but I
- 10 think that's an appropriate issue.
- MR. MASUMOTO: Very good, Your Honor.
- 12 Your Honor, at the bottom of
- 13 paragraph 10 which is at the bottom of page 5,
- 14 there's a reference to termination of the
- 15 carve-out in the event of a termination date
- 16 occurs in the event of termination. This refers
- 17 to the letter of credit account.
- 18 My concern is, well, specifically
- 19 with respect to United States Trustee's fees, but
- 20 also with respect to the professionals, that we
- 21 offer as you know, Your Honor, we seek a carve-out
- 22 both from the super priority claim, the admin
- 23 claim as well as a lien. I don't see any
- 24 difference between a letter of credit account,
- 25 which is essentially funded by the Debtors

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- 2 operation. I think --
- 3 THE COURT: What do you mean a
- 4 termination of the carve-out?
- 5 MR. MASUMOTO: Well, in the
- 6 second-to-last line it refers to the carve-out and
- 7 then it says "provided that following the
- 8 termination date as defined in the term sheet
- 9 amounts to the letter of credit account shall not
- 10 be subject to the carve-out, " so in other words,
- 11 the amount of the letter of credit account which
- 12 are, I think, if I understand the mechanics
- 13 correctly, which are funded by the operation of
- 14 the Debtor will be excempt from the carve-out.
- 15 THE COURT: I guess I don't know what
- 16 that means, but maybe you can explain it.
- 17 MR. TODER: I think I can, Your
- 18 Honor. First of all we have to understand this is
- 19 not a big cash collateral account. This is a
- 20 discrete admin account and it covers a special
- 21 situation.
- 22 Because of the fact that the Debtor's
- 23 needs oftentimes create or can create situations
- 24 where a letter of credit extends beyond the
- 25 confines of the agreement, the agreement has a

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- 2 maturity date but business exigencies sometimes
- 3 require going beyond it.
- 4 To the extent the maturity date
- 5 occurs -- the termination date occurs and you have
- 6 got an LC hanging out there, there's no longer the
- 7 normal requirements and protection set into the
- 8 borrowing phase or anything else, and for that
- 9 reason it's required that such an amount as set
- 10 over/hang be cash collateralized, so this is a
- 11 very narrow distinct one and it's for that limited
- 12 purpose and it's in view of the deed of the fact
- 13 that it goes beyond the expiration date of the
- 14 agreement that we created and that's why it's
- 15 not --
- 16 THE COURT: Again, the sale, this
- 17 doesn't sound like something that's going to occur
- 18 or has to be decided today.
- 19 MR. MASUMOTO: If I could reserve our
- 20 rights as to the final you make.
- THE COURT: Yes.
- MR. MASUMOTO: But again, frequently,
- 23 as your Honor knows, the fees being on a quarterly
- 24 basis, frequently our fees aren't paid we are
- 25 often left hanging after all these professionals

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 removed as to the termination date occurs between
- 3 the billing dates.
- 4 So yes, Your Honor, I would certainly
- 5 like to reserve for the final hearing.
- In paragraph 11 there's a reference
- 7 to the events of default. As included in the term
- 8 sheet those events of default appear to exclude
- 9 the usual provisions, and refer to an event of
- 10 default.
- I believe that the events of default
- 12 are discussed in the term sheet and those events
- 13 of default, page 13 of the term sheet on item
- 14 sheet, is where the events of defaults begin, they
- include the appointment of a Chapter 11 Trustee
- 16 and examiner with extended powers.
- 17 As Your Honor knows we typically
- 18 object to those provisions being events of
- 19 default, since it removes the discretion of the
- 20 Court to properly administer the case and the
- 21 situations in which that they arise.
- 22 THE COURT: It doesn't affect my
- 23 discretion, but putting aside the effect of the
- 24 default, cannot a lender decide: Gee, I just
- 25 don't want to lend if new management comes in or

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 something happens. I mean they can set the terms
- 3 under which they want to lend, right?
- 4 MR. MASUMOTO: I understand, Your
- 5 Honor.
- 6 THE COURT: The real issue is the
- 7 termination of the business, in essence, in the
- 8 event of a default. And then, one of two things
- 9 are going to occur in event of default. Either
- 10 they will be adequately protected, in which case
- 11 someone will come in and seek an injunction to
- 12 permit the Debtor, to allow the Debtor to continue
- 13 to use their property because they are adequately
- 14 protected, or they are not adequately protected in
- 15 which case they couldn't use their property under
- 16 33. Or they couldn't use their cash under 363(c),
- 17 so you know it doesn't really have an impact on
- 18 the case in that sense.
- 19 I quess what I'm saying, if there's
- 20 an event of default and the Debtor believes that
- 21 they are adequately protected they will seek some
- 22 sort of injunction to which they will probably
- 23 get.
- MR. MASUMOTO: Again, our concern is
- 25 that the appointment of a Chapter 11 Trustee is

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 it's going to cost you default so it really
- 3 precludes Your Honor from considering that as an
- 4 option.
- 5 THE COURT: It doesn't preclude me at
- 6 all, if that's the way the case goes. That's the
- 7 way the case gets why can't they say, look,
- 8 there's a Chapter 11 Trustee we don't want to lend
- 9 him our business.
- 10 MR. MASUMOTO: Your Honor, I think
- 11 that is certainly a business decision that they
- 12 would have to make.
- 13 THE COURT: But you are telling me
- 14 that they cannot make that decision?
- 15 MR. MASUMOTO: I certainly think
- 16 that, again, in the event of if circumstances
- 17 arise they can come in for an Order of the Court
- 18 terminating their cash collateral.
- 19 THE COURT: Doesn't sound like the
- 20 deal they made.
- MR. MASUMOTO: Again, Your Honor, it
- 22 certainly again it's a matter from the standpoint
- of our office, we are certainly concerned about
- 24 these automatic provisions that tend to foreclose
- 25 these options.

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- 2 You are right, Your Honor, legally
- 3 Your Honor can appoint a Trustee in a case
- 4 administratively solvent with no assets, but
- 5 practically many judges would be reluctant to do
- 6 so, and that is our concern that this provision
- 7 effectively rules out the appointment of a
- 8 Trustee.
- 9 MR. TODER: I won't spend more than a
- 10 second. We bent over backwards on this because
- 11 it's a 30-day window. He didn't read it.
- 12 THE COURT: What's a 30-day window?
- MR. TODER: We give him 30 days for
- 14 the appointment of a Trustee before it's an event
- 15 of default. We have actually built in a grace
- 16 period.
- 17 THE COURT: What does that do?
- 18 MR. TODER: It makes a great
- 19 difference. The concept underlying this is no,
- 20 you borrow it. We want to see who the Trustee is.
- 21 We give them 30 days and at that point they can
- 22 find another DIP and take it out or will it be
- 23 comfortable with the Trustee, and this one what
- 24 bothers me sometimes, and I apologize, it's like
- 25 there's a knee-jerk reaction on some of these I

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- 2 know because this someone is so critical to when a
- 3 lender makes a decision as to whether or not to
- 4 make a deal. It's just we have bent over
- 5 backwards with a 30-day grace period, there is no
- 6 merit to this.
- 7 THE COURT: Okay.
- I have given you my views on this. I
- 9 think the lender can agree you cannot force him to
- 10 loan money; they can agree to lend money under
- 11 such terms as they think are appropriate and the
- 12 Debtor can either accept or not accept the deal,
- 13 and I can't say that on balance it's an imprudent
- 14 business decision to accept this deal.
- 15 MR. MASUMOTO: Very well, Your Honor.
- 16 THE COURT: As I have said, they have
- 17 30 days they can decide to continue to do business
- 18 with the Chapter 11 Trustee or they can decide
- 19 they are not then the Debtor, the Creditors have
- 20 their rights.
- MR. MASUMOTO: Very good, Your Honor.
- 22 Your Honor, also in paragraph 11 there is language
- 23 towards the end of that paragraph.
- 24 (Discussion off the record.)
- 25 THE COURT: Are we back on the record

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- 2 now?
- MR. MASUMOTO: Yes, the interim Order
- 4 in paragraph 11 on page 11 the latter portion of
- 5 paragraph 11 refers to prohibition against any
- 6 506(c) claims being asserted without the written
- 7 consent of Chase.
- 8 Again, Your Honor -- well, not again.
- 9 Your Honor, the position of the U.S. Trustee's
- 10 Office is that this again removes the discretion
- 11 for appropriate compensation to Creditors who may
- 12 seek to preserve the estate and removes the
- 13 discretion of the Court to exercise that
- 14 discretion.
- 15 THE COURT: It's not a question of
- 16 discretion it just takes away a right. What's
- 17 your response to that Debtors? What's the quick
- 18 quid pro quo for the waiver of the 506(c)?
- 19 MR. TODER: Shall I respond, Your
- 20 Honor?
- 21 THE COURT: Sure.
- MR. TODER: Basically, Your Honor,
- 23 what this says in effect is don't help us.
- 24 THE COURT: You just abandon the
- 25 property, say here's your property?

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- 2 MR. TODER: And in a real world what
- 3 always happens is you sit down with the Trustee or
- 4 the whoever there happens to be and you work out
- 5 and cut a deal and that's what it is but this sets
- 6 out it's sort of a warning. Come to see us, in
- 7 effect. It's not unfair.
- 8 MR. MASUMOTO: Again, Your Honor --
- 9 THE COURT: Yes, I remember when I
- 10 was a Chapter 7 Trustee, I would go to the secured
- 11 lender and say this is the course of preserving a
- 12 property or building or something and where is the
- 13 money, and they would say, well, it's your problem
- 14 I would say take your building, or you can sell it
- 15 to bankruptcy; those are your choices. And you
- 16 know what they do, they pay the expenses.
- 17 MR. MASUMOTO: You are absolutely
- 18 right. It certainly preserves the options.
- 19 THE COURT: Well, you don't have the
- 20 option, I shouldn't say you, the Debtor and
- 21 whoever else there is that has to decide has the
- 22 right, can't seek a 506(c) surcharge and I suppose
- 23 you could say the Creditors don't have the same
- 24 option that the Trustee has to take your property.
- 25 But you know, as I have said, that's the deal

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 they have made. There's a million dollar
- 3 carve-out, and as a practical matter if the
- 4 property has some value, that he doesn't want to
- 5 own the driving range, doesn't want to own these
- 6 golf courses or any of these things, and either
- 7 they will reach an agreement with the Trustee or
- 8 the Trustee will say: Here it is, take the
- 9 property. Fire your security and go take care of
- 10 it, sell if you want. That's the way the world
- 11 works in Chapter 7.
- 12 MR. MASUMOTO: But, Your Honor, we
- 13 will defer to your position in the matter as I
- 14 have said.
- 15 THE COURT: You know there is nothing
- 16 that as a matter of law prevents a Trustee or a
- 17 Creditors Committee from waiving a 506(c)
- 18 surcharge. I don't think it's a particularly
- 19 important point, as long as the Debtor doesn't
- 20 have to stay in business and incur administrative
- 21 debts so they can sell their property, or
- 22 something like that.
- 23 MR. MASUMOTO: Well, then certainly
- 24 Your Honor, at least to the extent that we have a
- 25 final coming up and a committee be appointed.

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- 2 THE COURT: This is just an interim
- 3 Order.
- 4 MR. MASUMOTO: We reserve the right.
- 5 THE COURT: This is an interim Order.
- 6 MR. MASUMOTO: Your Honor, the next
- 7 paragraph is with respect to, again, on page 13
- 8 paragraph 14, again, there is a reference to
- 9 essentially what is the priming of 726(b)
- 10 expenses. I think we have covered it, I'm just
- 11 noting again for the record that there is a
- 12 priming included in that paragraph.
- 13 THE COURT: Okay. You are going to
- 14 have to deal with that in some satisfactory
- 15 manner.
- 16 THE COURT: Between now and then.
- 17 MR. MASUMOTO: And again, just
- 18 noting, again, for the record that paragraph 15
- 19 there's also language in there with regard to the
- 20 super priority claim of priming 726(b) expenses,
- 21 and again I imagine that that will be addressed at
- 22 the final.
- Next, Your Honor, in paragraph 18 on
- 24 page 15, the concern that we have with respect to
- 25 that paragraph is that even in the instance where

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 the lenders are oversecured, this provision
- 3 essentially prohibits any lending even if they
- 4 would give a character suit or lien of interest,
- 5 so we feel that it's overreaching and should not
- 6 necessarily preclude borrowing under the
- 7 circumstances where the parties are completely
- 8 unsecured.
- 9 THE COURT: That's the Debtors not
- 10 the lender. Basically, you are tying your hands
- 11 and he is saying with respect to a second loan,
- 12 assuming you can adequately protect it, it's not
- iust oversecured but assume you can adequately
- 14 protect the bank.
- 15 MR. SACKS: Where we were in terms of
- 16 the needs at the time that this was negotiated,
- 17 Your Honor, we don't contemplate needing
- 18 additional funding and this was the terms that we
- 19 negotiated with Chase.
- 20 THE COURT: Okay. You made a
- 21 business decision they are willing to take that
- 22 risk.
- 23 MR. MASUMOTO: Very well, Your Honor.
- On page 17 on paragraph 23, this is a
- 25 provision that deals with vacating the Order of

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 the stay, and so forth. It does provide for five
- 3 days, business day notice, but Your Honor, the
- 4 last portion of that paragraph seems to indicate
- 5 an ability essentially a self-executing provision
- 6 that allows them to take immediate action without
- 7 any Court Order.
- 8 THE COURT: You mean the one about
- 9 the right to use cash collateral?
- 10 MR. MASUMOTO: Yes, towards the
- 11 bottom of paragraph 23 where it says, "All rights
- 12 and remedies provided for in the term sheet, that
- 13 they may take action, effective' --
- 14 THE COURT: After five days.
- 15 MR. MASUMOTO: Right, after five days
- 16 notice without a Court Order.
- 17 THE COURT: Except for this Order.
- MR. MASUMOTO: Yes, and Your Honor,
- 19 our concern is, again, I believe it was as
- 20 presented to me by Chase, the intent is really to
- 21 switch the burden to either allow either the
- 22 Debtor or the Committee --
- 23 THE COURT: That's why I said you can
- 24 come in and seek an injunction.
- MR. MASUMOTO: Yes, although I can't

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- 2 think of many scenarios if, for example, the
- 3 Debtors and Creditors Committee have essentially
- 4 washed their hands off the case, this essentially
- 5 permits the Secured Creditor to, in effect,
- 6 recovery to take any action without the Court
- 7 being aware. Nobody will come in with an Order
- 8 objecting, if the Debtor decides there's no point
- 9 in pursuing this case -- and the Creditors.
- 10 THE COURT: But if the, putting aside
- 11 the Debtor because the Debtor might not care but
- 12 if the Creditors Committee decides there's no
- 13 point in pursuing the case, it's probably based on
- 14 the determination that there's no money in the
- 15 case, then it's up to the Secured Creditor to
- 16 liquidate the property outside of bankruptcy.
- 17 MR. MASUMOTO: Certainly the type of
- 18 remedy that that would entail or the situation
- 19 that would typically arise in which essentially
- 20 needs a means a cratering of the case even the
- 21 Court should be apprised of that circumstance. So
- 22 essentially I do believe that, Your Honor, that
- there's concern about self-executing an Order even
- 24 with the notice.
- 25 If the Court and certainly the U.S.

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 Trustee is not aware of what's occurring. And
- 3 therefore --
- 4 THE COURT: Well, there's going to be
- 5 a notice.
- 6 MR. MASUMOTO: But a notice, unless
- 7 I'm mistaken, I don't think the notice goes to the
- 8 Court or the U.S. Trustee.
- 9 MR. TODER: The notice does not go to
- 10 the Court, but the Court doesn't want to be in the
- 11 business of making these decisions.
- 12 THE COURT: You said it will be
- 13 posted on the Internet.
- 14 MR. TODER: But what will be provided
- 15 for is the credit agreement that will be not just
- 16 given just to the Debtor but to the Creditors
- 17 Committee and we always include the U.S. Trustee
- in that as well so there will be more than enough
- 19 people who can drop the ball.
- 20 THE COURT: This is a very typical
- 21 petition which does shift, usually the objection
- 22 is the amount of time, five business days sounds
- 23 okay, but the purpose is your Creditors don't want
- 24 to come back for it and anybody is free to come
- 25 back. Suppose that this Order said they will have

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- 2 to settle an Order on five days notice, how is
- 3 that different?
- 4 MR. MASUMOTO: Your Honor, in fact.
- 5 That is what I would frankly prefer. At least
- 6 that way the Court would be apprised of the rather
- 7 drastic remedies that are being exercised. I have
- 8 no problems with an Order to be submitted or I'll
- 9 present them, but at least this would provide
- 10 official notice.
- 11 THE COURT: I guess you could
- 12 continue to object about it over the next two
- 13 weeks. It's not an issue that has to be resolved
- 14 today.
- MR. MASUMOTO: Very good.
- 16 THE COURT: I don't know why you put
- 17 so much into these interim orders.
- MR. TODER: It's for your benefit we
- 19 do it.
- 20 THE COURT: I appreciate it.
- 21 MR. MASUMOTO: Your Honor, those are
- 22 all the objections I have at this point.
- 23 THE COURT: Thank you. Anything
- 24 else?
- 25 MS. WONG: Your Honor, I would like

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- 2 to put on the record Chinatrust's objections to
- 3 the Order and term sheet and I would join with the
- 4 Trustee to the extent his objections and his
- 5 concerns, in effect, Chinatrust interests, I would
- 6 join in his objections and would like to preserve
- 7 on anything he has raised of rights here.
- 8 THE COURT: Okay.
- 9 MS. WONG: There seems to be a
- 10 reference to 364 throughout and I wanted to
- 11 clarify that. Chase is not seeking to record its
- 12 mortgages which were not previously recorded. And
- 13 that they are not seeking the right to do so.
- 14 That was just a question.
- 15 THE COURT: The only thing they are
- 16 not recording is the liens they are getting with
- 17 respect to the post-petition financing and the
- 18 adequate protection for the use of a cash
- 19 collateral. That's my understanding. Is that
- 20 right, Mr. Toder?
- 21 MR. TODER: Yes. If you recorded
- 22 something from pre-petition.
- 23 THE COURT: In other words, they
- 24 can't approve their pre-petition position. If
- 25 they were perfecting a petition and they were

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 perfecting and it were perfected and if their
- 3 collateral includes either cash collateral or I
- 4 suppose noncash collateral which is damaged, for
- 5 instance, more diminished in value then they would
- 6 get a replacement lien and at least with respect
- 7 to the financing if it is such they will get a 364
- 8 priority, they will get a different kind they will
- 9 get a cash collateral and they will get an
- 10 adequate protection shortfall claim for the other
- 11 stuff.
- MS. WONG: I understand.
- THE COURT: If they are not, they
- 14 believe that they are fully secured. If it turns
- 15 out that they are not, well then they didn't have
- 16 any cash collateral that the Debtor used and
- 17 that's the simple answer. Or they didn't have any
- 18 noncash collateral whose value the Debtor or
- 19 somebody else diminished, so it all hinges, it
- 20 doesn't improve their pre-petition position.
- MS. WONG: Going to paragraph 15 of
- 22 the Order makes reference to the non-Chase
- 23 lenders. I believe the replacement lien that is
- 24 being offered by the Debtors comes after Chase's
- 25 replacement lien and we would object to that.

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- 2 THE COURT: Let me just -- I am sorry
- 3 could you represent that because we are getting
- 4 two types of liens here they are getting
- 5 replacement lien for the use of cash collateral or
- 6 presumably the diminution of value of noncash
- 7 collateral.
- 8 And that steps into the position of
- 9 the collateral that was used to diminish, as I
- 10 understand it. With respect to the financing,
- 11 putting aside their priming itself which I don't
- 12 fully understand, they are simply getting a first
- 13 lien on unencumbered property and a subordinate
- 14 lien to the existing rights on the property.
- 15 MR. TODER: We have not treated the
- 16 non-Chase lender differently than Chase with
- 17 regard to the adequate protection insofar as the
- 18 replacement liens that are granted.
- 19 THE COURT: Maybe I should ask you
- 20 what your concern is before we all comment on it
- 21 and before you've had a chance to tell us.
- 22 MS. WONG: We were concerned that the
- 23 liens that Chase was getting here, I think I was
- 24 addressing the replacement liens. I thought that
- 25 our replacement lien came after Chase's and that

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- 2 it will be inappropriate since we had a secured
- 3 interest, especially in the --
- 4 THE COURT: My understanding, maybe
- 5 people should correct me if I am wrong, when you
- 6 are talking about diminished pre-petition
- 7 collateral whether it was cash collateral or
- 8 noncash collateral, the replacement lien has to
- 9 put you in the same position you were in.
- 10 For example, if the non-Chase lender
- 11 has a first lien and Chase has a second lien, to
- 12 the extent Chase's cash collateral is used, the
- 13 replacement lien they get is still behind,
- 14 assuming that Chase had a lien in the same -- let
- 15 me take an example of property which is not cash
- 16 property during which Chinatrust has a first lien
- 17 and Chase has a second lien. Well, to the extent
- 18 that there's a diminution of value, it would lower
- 19 your value initially, whatever lien, and to them
- 20 secondarily. With respect to cash collateral
- 21 whatever cash collateral is used they get a
- 22 replacement lien that fits right into whatever
- 23 position they were in.
- MR. TODER: There is no attempt to
- 25 prime anyone's liens other than our own, therefore

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 replacement liens do not come ahead of existing
- 3 pre-petition valid liens.
- 4 MR. FIRST: That is our
- 5 understanding.
- 6 THE COURT: You just have to separate
- 7 pre-petition from the post-petition liens you are
- 8 getting.
- 9 MR. TODER: I think it works.
- 10 MS. WONG: I think the language in
- 11 paragraph 15 is, though questionable, where it
- 12 says that, I guess when we get to the fourth line,
- 13 each non-Chase lender is granted.
- 14 THE COURT: Let me make a suggestion.
- 15 I don't think doing this all on the record is
- 16 particularly helpful. Why don't we take a recess
- 17 why don't you express your concerns to Mr. Toder
- 18 and Mr. Sacks and maybe this can just be resolved
- 19 with some language changes and why don't we
- 20 reconvene at 2:30, it's 1:30 now. Unless you are
- 21 telling me it can be done in 15 minutes or so, you
- 22 want to do that?
- 23 MR. TODER: Yes, it either can or
- 24 cannot be but 15 minutes will suffice.
- 25 THE COURT: If I say 15 minutes, I

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 know it's going to be longer than 15 minutes but
- 3 it just seems to me that everybody is in agreement
- 4 but they are just not expressing it to everybody's
- 5 satisfaction but because the bottom line is my
- 6 sense is the non-Chase lenders are in no different
- 7 position under this Order than they were, they
- 8 are, without the Order, whatever liens Chase had
- 9 they had, nobody can use Chinatrust cash
- 10 collateral, to the extent it is cash collateral,
- 11 to the extent Chinatrust has cash collateral or
- 12 that has to be separated, none of that is being
- 13 affected by this Order and everybody seems to
- 14 agree that that is the case.
- 15 It just sounds like it would make
- 16 more sense if you use your time better to sit down
- 17 and look at the Order, do you want to did it, and
- 18 go back to somebody's office. I know you are all
- 19 anxious to get out of here, but the more you rush
- 20 the longer it's going to take.
- MS. WONG: Your Honor, I wonder
- 22 whether we could reconvene so that we could
- 23 actually maybe put everything in writing, put our
- 24 objections on to the record.
- THE COURT: No, well, that you can do

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 to the final Order. I understand, I just want to
- 3 make sure that all these language issues are
- 4 resolved so we are talking about the substance.
- 5 A lot of the objections that are
- 6 raised are simply not going to come up in the next
- 7 two weeks, and don't really give Chase any
- 8 benefit, for instance.
- 9 The remedial parts of the Order are
- 10 events of default really don't matter over the
- 11 next two weeks because it's not going to be a
- 12 default and there will just be changes.
- 13 MS. WONG: I wanted to make sure that
- 14 we didn't raise any objections today to certain
- 15 portions of the Order that we weren't waiving our
- 16 right to raise them later on two weeks from now.
- 17 THE COURT: But there are certain
- 18 things that will be affected, for example, to the
- 19 extent they get adequate protection, the money
- 20 they loan between now and two weeks from now
- 21 whatever this Order says about the type of
- 22 protection they get is going to be, to say unless
- 23 it's a bad faith or you get a stay pending appeal;
- 24 so I think those are the things you have to be
- 25 concerned about today; you are not waiving any

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 objections to the final Order, that doesn't mean
- 3 that things that happen over the next two weeks
- 4 don't affect your rights but things like defensive
- 5 default, I'm not saying they are not important
- 6 they are just not important today.
- 7 MS. WONG: We do not believe we are
- 8 getting adequate protection with this higher
- 9 Order.
- 10 THE COURT: Well, you haven't asked
- 11 for adequate protection so you are not going to
- 12 get any adequate protection. The only question is
- 13 whether you are getting primed or something like
- 14 that.
- MR. TODER: We actually gave them
- 16 something they weren't entitled to, it was our
- 17 biggest mistake we should have just wiped it off.
- 18 Maybe we should just delete it.
- 19 THE COURT: Your right is to make a
- 20 motion for adequate protection.
- 21 MS. WONG: We are going to file a
- 22 motion for adequate protection.
- 23 THE COURT: I have already said the
- 24 cash collateral, but as to noncash make your
- 25 motion.

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- MS. WONG: Well, I think the problem
- 3 is that Chase and the Debtors do have to give some
- 4 kind of consideration to the non-Chase lenders,
- 5 and that's why they gave us this so it would be
- 6 more acceptable; however, there are some problems
- 7 with this agreement, I don't know if we are going
- 8 to be able to work things out.
- 9 MR. SACKS: All we really needed to
- 10 do, Judge, is not prime them which we haven't done
- 11 and then we made the mistake of giving them
- 12 adequate protection even though we didn't prime
- 13 them.
- 14 MR. TODER: Maybe we should just put
- 15 down the adequate protection; that would work for
- 16 me as well.
- 17 THE COURT: Rather than posture on
- 18 the record let's go off the record.
- 19 (Discussion off the record)
- 20 (Whereupon, at this point in the
- 21 proceedings there was a recess, after which
- 22 the hearing continued as follows:)
- THE COURT: Mr. Sacks.
- MR. SACKS: We have worked out two
- 25 decisions on the Order which Mr. Toder has which

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 will protect Chinatrust's objection pending the
- 3 final hearing. Mr. Toder can --
- 4 THE COURT: Before I forget, I'm
- 5 going to put the final hearing on June 2nd because
- 6 this is going to take longer than these final
- 7 hearings ordinarily take and we are going to have
- 8 a whole day, make it 10 o'clock. I don't have
- 9 anything else, it's a Friday.
- 10 MR. SACKS: We will change the notice
- 11 to -- Mr. Toder can put on the record what the
- 12 changes are.
- MR. TODER: At the end of paragraph
- 14 15, Your Honor, and we will hand it up afterwards
- 15 for the Court we would add the following sentence:
- 16 "Nothing herein shall prejudice
- 17 Chinatrust Bank (USA) and/or Chinatrust Commercial
- 18 Bank (New York Branch), (collectively,
- 19 Chinatrust), in any way from making a motion for
- 20 further or different adequate protection."
- 21 Then it will add a new paragraph 29,
- 22 will state: "Nothing herein shall preclude
- 23 Chinatrust from making any and all objections to
- 24 the entry of a final Order with respect to this
- 25 Financing, initial cap, including without

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- 2 limitation seeking further or different adequate
- 3 protection or making any further motion with
- 4 respect to the financing."
- 5 THE COURT: Okay. I just had a
- 6 couple of things I wanted to note. On the record.
- 7 On page 7 it says that the
- 8 pre-petition secured lenders are entitled and then
- 9 it's got a list of sections to adequate protection
- 10 of their interests in the pre-petition collateral,
- and it refers to 364(d)(1) and 364(d)(1) does not
- 12 relate to the adequate protection of pre-petition
- 13 collateral. It relates to financing.
- 14 They are entitled to adequate
- 15 protection under a 361 and 361(e), and it may be
- 16 entitled if it's cash collateral under one of the
- 17 363(c) provisions.
- MR. TODER: The only reason that was
- 19 put in, Your Honor, is because one of the grounds
- 20 of the adequate protection being sought is because
- 21 of the priming being put in, and so when
- 22 priming --
- 23 THE COURT: But that's only for the
- 24 post-petition lending. This refers to the --
- MR. TODER: No because they are being

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 primed by virtue of 364(d) there is an entitlement
- 3 to adequate protection under the Code.
- 4 THE COURT: I see what you are
- 5 saying.
- 6 I understand now, I misspoke.
- 7 Further on, paragraph 6 it says: "A third of the
- 8 post-petition interim financing are fair and
- 9 reasonable."
- 10 Since the determination of fair and
- 11 reasonable is based on the interim Order and the
- 12 fact that we are pushing a lot of these so called
- 13 objectionable terms to the final hearing I would
- 14 say that to determine the post-petition are fair
- and reasonable and the same with the other
- 16 reference to the post-petition financing in the
- 17 next sentence. I'm just determining at this point
- 18 that --
- 19 MR. TODER: No, I understand. I
- 20 don't know exactly what it is, do you have it
- 21 marked?
- 22 THE COURT: There was just one other
- 23 thing, it had to do with what you were asserting
- 24 and what I was finding.
- The same paragraph, paragraph 4 that

- 1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC.
- 2 we started with. You are asserting that the as of
- 3 filing date the funds on deposit are subject to
- 4 said office. I'm not making any findings.
- 5 MR. SACKS: That's all that's
- 6 intended.
- 7 MR. TODER: Chase asserts that.
- 8 MR. FIRST: Again, it may be the
- 9 Debtor's error in terms of all their assertions,
- 10 we put that without any rights --
- 11 THE COURT: Just say insertion and
- 12 say that the foregoing is without prejudice to
- 13 anybody's right to challenge the pre-petition
- 14 liens or whatever.
- 15 MR. SACKS: Your Honor, where did you
- 16 want the insertion added?
- 17 THE COURT: Put it right at the
- 18 beginning.
- MR. TODER: Just --
- 20 THE COURT: Just track the same type
- 21 of language you used.
- MR. TODER: Did you want another
- 23 sentence at the end then? I wasn't clear.
- 24 THE COURT: The issue was raised that
- 25 it should say that without prejudice to the rights

1 RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF CENTERS, INC. 2 of anybody else, which I guess is simple. But all you are saying it's an assertion, if you want to 3 add it one more time I don't care. 4 5 Is there anything else? MR. SACKS: No, Your Honor. 6 7 THE COURT: Why don't you just change 8 the return date to June 2nd, serve the notices. 9 MR. SACKS: It should be able to be 10 out tomorrow, Judge. Do you want us to take the 11 disk back and make these changes? 12 THE COURT: You can do that and just send it over this afternoon to chambers. 13 14 MR. TODER: Thank you, Your Honor. 15 THE COURT: Is there anything else? 16 (No response.) 17 THE COURT: Hearing no response we 18 are adjourned. 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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